



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5464

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-3i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [(a) The members of the Connecticut Employment and Training
4 Commission shall be]

5 (a) On and after October 1, 2002, no person shall serve as a member
6 of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission unless
7 appointed as specified in subsection (b) of this section.

8 (b) (1) The [commission] Connecticut Employment and Training
9 Commission shall consist of [twenty-four] thirty-five members, [a
10 majority] exactly eighteen of whom shall represent business and
11 industry and the remainder of whom shall represent state and local
12 governments, organized labor, education, [and] community based
13 organizations, including a representative of a community action
14 agency, as defined in section 17b-885, and any other entity required by
15 the provisions of subsection (b) of Section 111 of the federal Workforce
16 Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended.
17 Each member shall be appointed by the Governor from
18 recommendations submitted by the president pro tempore of the
19 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority

20 leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority
22 leader of the House of Representatives. The chairpersons and ranking
23 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
24 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees
25 and the select committee on workforce development shall serve as ex-
26 officio members of the commission.

27 [(2) Effective six months after the United States Secretary of Labor
28 approves the single Connecticut workforce development plan
29 submitted to said secretary in accordance with the provisions of
30 subsection (b) of section 31-11r, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on
31 the commission from recommendations submitted by the president
32 pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
33 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader
34 of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and
35 the minority leader of the House of Representatives.]

36 (2) Each member shall serve for a term of four years or until the
37 member's successor is appointed, whichever is later. Any vacancy shall
38 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member
39 appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term
40 of the member whom the newly appointed member is to succeed.

41 (3) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the
42 commission members, with the advice and consent of either house of
43 the General Assembly.

44 [(c) Members appointed to the commission prior to June 23, 1999,
45 shall continue to serve on the commission as if they were appointed to
46 the commission as of June 23, 1999. The commission shall meet no less
47 than once every calendar quarter.]

48 (c) The commission shall meet not less than once every calendar
49 quarter. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute
50 a quorum. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings
51 or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any

52 calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from office.

53 Sec. 2. Section 31-11m of the general statutes is repealed and the
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

55 (a) All funds received by the state of Connecticut under the federal
56 Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time
57 amended, shall be deposited into the General Fund.

58 (b) (1) Funds reserved for state-wide investment activities by the
59 state of Connecticut from the amounts allotted to the state under
60 Sections 127(b)(1)(C), 132(b)(1)(B) and 132(b)(2)(B) of the federal
61 Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time
62 amended, shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 128(a) of
63 said act.

64 (2) Such reserved funds may be used only to carry out state-wide
65 youth activities described in Section 129(b) of the federal Workforce
66 Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended, or
67 state-wide employment and training activities, for adults or for
68 dislocated workers, described in Section 134(a)(2)(B) or Section
69 134(a)(3) of said act, provided such use is consistent with the
70 Connecticut workforce development plan developed by the
71 Connecticut Employment and Training Commission under section 31-
72 11p. The percentage of such reserved funds that are used for
73 administrative costs shall be consistent with the provisions of Section
74 134(a)(3)(B) of said act. For purposes of this subdivision and
75 subdivision (3) of this subsection, "administrative costs" has the same
76 meaning as in 20 CFR Part 667, Subpart B.

77 (3) Any request by a regional workforce development board to the
78 Connecticut Employment and Training Commission for automatic,
79 temporary or subsequent designation as a local workforce investment
80 area shall be approved or denied utilizing the criteria set forth in
81 Section 116 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-
82 220, as from time to time amended, not later than three months from
83 the date the chairperson of the commission receives such request.

84 (4) No state funds or funds received by the state of Connecticut
 85 under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as
 86 from time to time amended, shall be used for the purpose of
 87 reconfiguring, modifying, eliminating or adding any local workforce
 88 investment area in the state unless such reconfiguration, modification,
 89 elimination or addition has first been approved by the General
 90 Assembly.

91 Sec. 3. Section 31-11p of the general statutes is amended by adding
 92 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

93 (NEW) (d) On and after the effective date of this act, the Connecticut
 94 Employment and Training Commission shall submit any proposed
 95 modifications to the single Connecticut workforce development plan
 96 developed pursuant to section 31-11p to the General Assembly for
 97 review. The commission shall not implement any of its proposed
 98 modifications to the plan, including, but not limited to, any
 99 reconfiguration of the local workforce investment areas in the state,
 100 unless the proposed modifications are first approved by the General
 101 Assembly.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*